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RED CROSS (ICRC) "AFRICA REPORT NO. 2"

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1. FOLLOWING IS REPEAT OF SUBJECT REPORT:

QUOTE: FOLLOWING IS REPORT ON RECENT EVENTS ZAIRE AND
IMPLICATIONS FOR ICRC:

PRIMO
OUR REGIONAL DELEGATE MR. STEINEMANN CONTACTED CIVIL AND
MILITARY AUTHORITIES KINSHASA ON MONDAY 5 JUNE. PROBLEMS
OF PROTECTION AND ASSISTANCE WERE DISCUSSED AT LENGTH WITH
GENERAL BABIA, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
NATIONAL DEFENSE, PARTICULARLY IN CONNECTION WITH OUR
REQUEST TO BE ALLOWED TO VISIT PRISONERS IN THE HANDS OF
THE ZAIRE ARMED FORCES (FAZ).

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SECUNDO
GENERAL BABIA HAS REQUESTED THE ICRC TO CONTINUE TO PRO-
VIDE ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS OF THE CONFLICT. IN RESPONSE
TO THIS REQUEST OUR INITIAL PROGRAMME FOR THE EMERGENCY
PHASE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS: (ALL COSTS IN
SWISS FRANCS).
A. MEDICAL AID 20 DISPENSARY KITS SF 65,000

B. 180 TONS CEREALS, 72 TONS BEANS
AND 42 TONS DRIED FISH FOR
60,000 PERSONS KOLWEZI AREA 520,000

C. 8.4 TONS MILK POWDER FOR 12,000
CHILDREN - - - - 67,000

D. SUPPLEMENTARY ASSISTANCE FOR 6,000 WIDOWS,
ORPHANS AND HANDICAPPED PERSONS, 17,640
TONS MILK POWDER, 37.8 TONS RICE, 10
TONS SUGAR, 3.5 TONS SALT, 6,000 LITERS
OIL - - - - - 59,000

E. MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLIES, 3 TONS SOAP,
3,000 METERS CLOTH, 5,000 BLANKETS,
CLOTHING FOR 3,000 CHILDREN - - 66,500

TOTAL VALUE OF SUPPLIES - - - - SF 777,500

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TO THIS MUST BE ADDED:

A. PROVISION FOR FREIGHT COSTS TO ZAIRE WHICH
CANNOT BE ACCURATELY ASSESSED UNTIL SOURCE
OF SUPPLIES AND/OR OUTCOME OF NEGOTIATIONS
FOR FREE AIR TRANSPORT KNOWN - - - 100,000

B. HIRE OF LOCAL TRANSPORT FOR DISTRIBUTION OF
SUPPLIES WITHIN ZAIRE - - - - 35,000
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C. PROVISION FOR OPERATING COSTS AND RADIO
STATION FOR DELEGATION FOR UP TO 3 MONTHS 200,000

TOTAL FREIGHT AND OPERATING COSTS SF 335,000

MAKING A TOTAL TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE
OF SWISS FRANCS 1,112,500.

QUARTO

IT MUST BE EMPHASIZED THAT ALL ABOVE PLANS AND COSTS
RELATE ONLY TO EMERGENCY AID IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE. DURATION
OF PROGRAM AND EXTENSION OF AID WILL BE ASSESSED IN LIGHT
OF DEVELOPMENTS AND OF RESOURCES PUT AT OUR DISPOSAL. TO
MEET THESE IMMEDIATE NEEDS ICRC HAS ALREADY ENGAGED SOME
SWISS FRANCS 500,000 IN CONFIDENT EXPECTATION THAT DONOR
SOCIETIES AND GOVERNMENTS WILL MORE THAN COVER THE DEFICIT
AND ENABLE US TO FULFILL WHOLE PROGRAMM AND ANY FURTHER
NEEDS WHICH MAY ARISE.

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PLEASE NOTE THAT ALTHOUGH ZAIRE NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED

IN AFRICA REPORT NO. 1 AS TROUBLES HAD NOT THEN ERUPTED THIS IS CLASSIC EXAMPLE OF NEED FOR GLOBAL APPROACH TO AFRICAN CONTINENT AND FOR POLICY OF FINANCIAL FLEXIBILITY. GRATEFUL THEREFORE IF ANY CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS OUR OPERATIONS IN ZAIRE COULD BE MADE IN CONTEXT OF OVERALL AFRICA APPEAL AND NOT NECESSARILY EXCLUSIVELY EARMARKED FOR ZAIRE ONLY.

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THE SCOPE OF ICRC ACTIVITIES NECESSITATES THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL DISPOSITIONS:

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- A. MR. JEAN COURVOISIER HAS BEEN NOMINATED AS CHIEF DELEGATE IN ZAIRE TO ENABLE MR. STEINEMANN TO RESUME HIS RESPONSIBILITIES AS REGIONAL DELEGATE BASED IN LUSAKA
- B. A RELIEF DELEGATE IS BEING SENT TO ORGANIZE THE DISTRIBUTION OF RELIEF SUPPLIES IN COLLABORATION WITH THE ZAIRE RED CROSS.
- C. A DELEGATE FROM THE CENTRAL TRACING AGENCY WILL ESTABLISH THE NECESSARY ORGANIZATION TO FACILITATE THE TASK OF TRACING MISSING PERSONS.
- D. FINALLY IT IS HOPED TO SEND A RADIO OPERATOR TO ESTABLISH RADIO COMMUNICATIONS.

ALL OF THE ABOVE WILL LEAVE FOR ZAIRE IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

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A COPY OF THIS REPORT HAS BEEN SENT TO YOUR NATIONAL RED

CROSS SOCIETY.

HIGH CONSIDERATION. (SIGNED) J.P. HOCKE, DIRECTOR DEPART-
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